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Proclamation

To the inhabitants of New Mexico, by Brigadier General S. W. Kearney, commanding the troops of the United States, in the same.

As by the act of the Republic of Mexico a State of war exists between that Government and the United States, and, as the undersigned, at the head of his troops, on the 18th inst. took posession of Santa Fé, the capital of the Department of New Mexico, he now announces his intention to hold the Department with its original bound-aries (on both sides of the Del Norte) as a part of the United States, and under the name of the "Territory of New Mexico."

The undersigned has come to New Mexico, with a strong military force, and an equally strong one is following close in his rear. He has more troops than necessary to put down any opposition that can possibly be brought against him, and therefore, it would be but folly or madness, for any dissatisfied or discontented persons to think of resisting him.

The undersigned has instructions from his Government to respect the religious institutions of New Mexico — to protect the property of the Church — to cause the worship of those belonging to it to be undisturbed, and their

religious rights in the amplest manner preserved to them. — Also to protect the persons and property of all quiet and peaceable inhabitants within its boundaries, against their enemies — the Eutaws, the Navajoes and others; and when he assures all, that it will be his pleasure, as well as his duty, to comply with those instructions, he calls upon them, to exert themselves in preserving order, in promoting concord, and in maintaining the authority and efficacy of the laws. And he requires of those who have left their homes, and taken up arms against the troops of the United States, to return forthwith to them, or else they will be considered as enemies and traitors, subjecting their persons to punishment, and their property to seizure and confiscation for the benefit of the Public Treasury.

It is the wish and intention of the United States to provide for New Mexico, a free Government, with the least possible delay, similar to those in the United States, and the people of New Mexico will then be called upon, to exercise the rights of freemen in electing their own Representatives to the Territorial Legislature. But until this can be done, the laws hitherto in existance will be continued until changed or modified by competent authority — And those

persons holding offices will continue in the same for the present, provided they will consider themselves good citizens and willing to take the oath of allegiance to the United States.

The undersigned, hereby absolves all persons residing within the boundaries of New Mexico from any further allegiance to the Republic of Mexico, and hereby claims them as citizens of the United States. Those who remain quiet and peaceable, will be considered good citizens, and receive protection; those who are found in arms, or instigating others, against the United States, will be considered as traitors and treated accordingly.

Don Manuel Armijo, the late Governor of the Department has fled from it, the undersigned has taken possession of it without firing a gun, or spilling a single drop of blood, in which he most truly rejoices, and for the present will be considered as Governor of the Territory.

Given at Santa Fe, the Capital of the Territory of New Mexico, this 22d day of August 1846 and in the 71st year of the Independence of the U. States.

S. W. Kearney
Brig. General,
U. S. A.

By the Governor—
Juan Bautista Vigil
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The United States of America }
Territory of New Mexico } ss. I, Alexander M.
Jackson, Secretary of said Territory, do hereby Certify that
the within and foregoing three pages contain a full,
true and perfect Copy of the original Proclamation
of Brig. General S. W. Kearny on file in my
office — In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and Seal of office, this 20th day of June AD 1859.

A M Jackson
Secretary of the Territory of New Mexico